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PATENT APPLICATION  
Serial No. 09/455,574  
Atty. Docket No. 3749-991620

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1725 :  
In re application of :  
Aalbertus Pieter KROESBERGEN : SUBSTRATE WITH SUPER-  
Serial No. 09/455,574 : ABSORBENT MATERIAL, METHOD  
Filed December 6, 1999 : FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF AND  
Examiner - Jonathan Johnson : USE

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
February 12, 2003

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated August 12, 2002, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 35-39, 41-50, and 62-64. A supporting Appeal Brief will be filed in due course.

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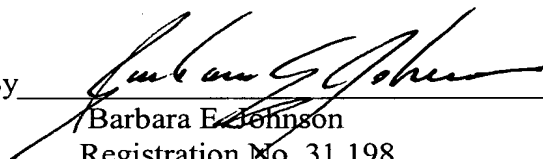
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